# WOOD PRAISES WIFE MURDERED BY FITZGERALD

Name of Woman Slain in a Hotel by Sales Agent of a Glass Manufacturing House, Who Then Killed Himself, Defended by Man She Deceived.

Mrs. Matilda Wood, the young and pretty wife of a printer and the mother of a four weeks old baby, was shot and killed to-day in the Gallavan Hotel, Williamsburg, by Lester C. Fitzgerald, a sales agent for a glass manufacturer at No. 44 Murray street, Manhattan.

After killing the woman the man turned the pistol on himself and blew his brains out. At first it was believed that the couple were man and wife, as they had registered as "Lester ". Fitzgerald and wife."

The bodies were lying side by side in Montene's morgue, in North Third street, when the identification was made by Detective Ocker, who day. Children were dropped from the windows into the arms of men in the had known the young woman.

Going to the home of the young woman, at No. 29 Cooper street, Williamsburg, the detective found her mother, Mrs. Backer, who verified the identification. Mrs. Backer said:

SHE WAS AFRAID OF HIM.

"I did not know Fitzgerald, but my daughter did. He had been in the habit of meeting her. She told me a short time ago that she was afraid of him; that he wanted her to run away and desert her home for him. About 5 o'clock last evening she went out, saying she was going to the drug store to get medicine for her month-old baby. She did not and Duane, who were at a small fire in come back, but a drug clerk delivered the medicine she had purchased. That is the last we heard of her.

"When we read of the tragedy to-day we surmised that Matilda was the woman because of the mention of Fitzgerald's name. There was and women, awakened by the whistle nothing wrong between them. She was killed simply because she would of the train, appeared at the window not run away with him."

Mrs. Wood was twenty-seven years old and remarkably pretty. She an stood ready to leap with her two children. had been married seven years. Her husband worked at night, but it was Dropped Children Into Arms of believed that she was devoted to him.

What happened in the room where the double shooting took place will ever remain a mystery. There was a quarrel, because angry voices were heard by the occupants of other rooms before they marked the shots which sent two lives into eternity. A scream came first—a woman's waiting arms of the men below. She agonized cry for help—and then swiftly two reports of a revolver's fair. agonized cry for help-and then swiftly two reports of a revolver's firing.

Miss Emily Bruce, who occupied a room on the floor where the killings happened, peeped through the keyhole of the Fitzgerald apartment soon after the las, shot was fired, and she saw lying on the floor, near the bed, the blood-bespattered forms of Fitzgerald and the woman whom he had

WERE BEYOND ALL HELP.

Miss Bruce was the one who called to the hotel office to send help. Fig cries soon brought medical aid and the police to the scene of the tragedy, but nothing could be done for the unfortunate couple.

The assumption that jealousy caused the shooting is based upon letters found upon the persons of both. They show that the man was eager for a reconciliation. In one writing of ilitzgerald's he asked the woman to meet him last night at the corner of Cooper street and 'roadway. The meeting that he pleaded for was granted, and it was after a long consultation, according to witnesses, that the pair went to the Gallavan.

H. J. Wood, the husband of the murdered woman, after identifying the body in the Morgue, said:

"I met Fitzgerald a year ago at a social club to which we both belonged He seemed a pleacant fellow, although I knew him but slightly. I fre quently saw him in the neighborhood of my home, however, and only the other day I called my wife's attention to the peculiar fact of my meeting so often in Cooper street. So far as I knew then. Mrs. acquainted with him.

"I believe in my wife absolutely. I cannot understand why she went with Fitzgerald to the Hotel Gallavan, but I am sure that her purpose was innocent and that the tragedy resulted because she defended herself from

**VISIT LION'S CAGE** 

Kaiser's Son Attracted by Fear-

hind the Scenes at Circus.

STUTTGART, Dec. 7.—The phlegmatic burgers of Stuttgart are chuckling over

a rare bit of gossip joining the name of Claire Heliot, the fearless woman ilon

The story has its impetus in the fact that the Court Chamberlain has noti-

fied the owner of the circus with which

Mile. Heliot is connected that the im-

perial heir must not be allowed to con

less Mile. Heliot, Animal Tam-

### KAISER IMPROVES, PRINCE MUST NOT VON BUELOW SAYS

German Chancellor, Answering Americans for the Monarch Declares the Royal Patient's Condition Is Excellent.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.-Chancellor vor Buelow, in view of the alarming reports abroad concerning Emperor William's health and in response to mests health and in response to meses of sympathy from American
ands of the German ruler, authorizes
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cere thanks for the good wishes exded. The Chancellor brought
the Heijot.
His Highness, it is whispered, has fallen sages of sympathy from American friends of the German ruler, authorizes the Associated Press to express his tended. The Chancellor brought the message to the Emperor's knowledge within the spell of this charming young woman's grace and beauty of form. and authorizes the Associated Press to say that the monarch expressed his pleasure over these testimonials of

sympathy.

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HANDBOOK MEN SURRENDER.

Held in \$1,000 Bail for Gambling at Tracks.

Charles Dunn, of No. 783 First street; Frederick Brown, of No. 219 Eighteenth street, Aibert Gray, of No. 603 Eleventh street, Aibert Gray, of No. 603 Eleventh street, Aibert Gray, of No. 603 Eleventh street, and Richard McNeally, of No. 156 Washington avenue, Brooklyn, upon learning to-day that they had been indicted for running handbooks on the races surrendered themselves to District-Attorney Clarks.

They were held in \$1,000 bail each for trial.

## CAUCHT BABES AS THEY FELL

Men in Street Rescued Children Dropped by Their Mother from Window of Burning Hotel on Ninth avenue.

MANY THRILLING RESCUES AND NARROW ESCAPES.

Firemen Carry Frantic Women Down Ladders to Safety-Firefighters Overcome by Gas and Smoke.

from death marked the fire which destroyed the Wyanoke Hotel, at Ninth avenue and Fifty-third street, early tostreet below, men and women were carried unconscious from the burning structure and firemen were overcome by escaping gas.

The building is a five-story structure, in which about fifty families lived in rooms. All were asleep when the blaze conscious of the danger until the fire gained great headway.

The shrill whistle of the train attracted the attention of men at the car barns a block away, and word was sent to Battalion Chiefs Callahan Fifty-third street, a little more than a block away. Duane, with a part of the apparetus, hurried to the scene.

car barns, and John Foster were the and on the fire-escapes. On the ledge

The shouts of Lee and Foster reas

sured her, and she motioned to them to take the children. First one and brought from the car barns, and drawing her children close to her she hur-ried away, after thanking the rescuer. In the window of the fourth floor, far

rom a fire-escape, Mrs. George Runyon stood transfixed by fear. In her arms she clasped her five-year-old laughter. The flames mushroomed out on the fourth and fifth floors and the bright glow could be seen behind the mother and child. They had to be saved quickly or not at all. The nearest fire-escape

feet from the window. It was quickly cleared and McGann clambered up until he was even with the woman and child the fire-escape he leaned his body far out toward the window.

Mrs. Runyon swung the child out and McGann seized her and passed her to Ganter, who had followed him up. Again the fireman leaned over toward the window and with confidence the window and with confidence man threw herself in his arms.

Many Rescues by Ladders. On the same floor James McCauley, its wife and four children were imprisoned. The woman and children were carried down the ladders, while McJauley made his own escape.

The firemen found Margaret, Bertha and Beatrice. Tolson unconscious in their apartment on the third floor.

the fresh air they were quickly

of Uhlans. He and the Archduchess met at a grand ball here and feil in love. The Austrian Emperor, whose favorite granddaughter she was, opposed the match, but his determined granddaughter ter told him she would either marry the man she loved or retire to a convent. The Emperor gave way and the marriage was celebrated in a magnificent way here after the Archduchess had renounced her right of succession to the dual throne of Austria and Hungary. In consideration of her renunciation, though of an ancient family, was poor and witnout royal blood, the Emperor gave to the bride securities valued at \$1,600,000, a yearly allowance of \$250,000, igwels worth \$1,000,000, a gold dinner service and several residences. firemen passed them down the ladder. Once in the fresh air they were quickly revived.

While these thrilling rescues were taking place on the Fifty-third street side of the burning building firemen were making a desperate effort to save Rolland Burr, the janitor, and his wife, who lived in the basement.

When they were awakened they found it impossible to go through the hall and their windows were latticed with heavy Iron bars, Burr worked with desperation, his wire meanwhile calling for help, but it was long before the firemen found them there. With much difficulty the heavy Iron bars were pried away and the couple escaped.

Philip Seberger was found unconscious on the fourth floor. He was carried to Roosevelt Hospital, where he is still being cared for.

Three alarms were sent in and the firemen had a stubborn fight. On the fourth floor the gas connections were melted and the rooms were filled with gas. Capt. Hanley and Foreman McManus were overcome and had to be carried outside. When revived Capt. Hanley ordered the men to work inside in shifts.

ARREST SOON IN MISER CASE

## er, Pays Frequent Calls Be-**WOMEN SCORCHED**

Alcohol Lamp Explodes in the Of Whether Coffee Really Hurts or Not. Vendome and Causes Much **Excitement Among the Guests** for a Time.

day after day, but console themselves by saying, "I don't believe it hurts me, or, at any rate, I am not sure that it does." Mrs. Lillian Pendieton, of Boston, and her sister, Mrs. Sully, of Bath Beach. were both badly burned this morning by the explosion of an alcohol lamp in rooms they were occupying at the Hotel strength. street. Mrs. Pendieton was in the bathtub at the time of the explosion. She says: "I have proved and sure. heard Mrs. Sully scream, saw the por-tiere separating the bathroom from the dressing-room flame up, and in her excitement jumped out of the tub and rushed into the flames. She was badly burned about the body. Mrs. Sully's hair was burned and she had some bad burns on her face.

Mr. Pendleton who had been down

burns on her face.

Mr. Pendleton, who had been down getting shaved, got back to his rooms in the midst of the excitement. He telephoned to the hotel clerk to turn in an alarm and while waiting for the engines put out the blaze himself. When of Postum for coffee and sickness for the fremen arrived they created a lot anything in the world." Name given of excitement but there was nothing for them to do. Dr. Kelday, the hotel physician, treated the injured woman. The damage done by the fire amounted to of the famous little book, "The Road."

WYANOKE HOTEL AND SCENES OF THE THRILLING RESCUES DURING THE FIRE.



PIECES BY LIONS

Frau Fischer, Giving a Perform ance with Four of the Brutes, Is Attacked by One of Them and Mangled.

THE OTHER THREE THEN ATTACK HER.

Woman's Children and Thousands of Spectators Watched street. the Awful Spectacle—Animals Fought to Feed Upon Her.

DESSAU, Duchy of Anhalt, Germany Dec. 7.-Frau Fischer, a lion tamer, was orn to pieces to-day by four lions in a menagerie cage and in sight of a great

She was trying to make a lion spring brough a hoop, and struck him with a whip, whereupon he leaped upon her and disembowelled her at one stroke. The women shrieked once and the hree other lions joined in the attack on fragments of her flesh.

There was a frightful panic among

rmed with iron rods and hooks, suc seeded in dragging the animals from The children of Frau Fischer were t heir mother was killed.

ERLANGER SWORN IN.

Michael L. Brianger appeared befor -day, and took the oath of office as

Young Man Goes Out of a Saloon to Settle a Dispute with Another Man, Who Dies of a Fractured Skull.

James P. McGovern, of No. 110 East One Hundred and Fifth street, is a prisoner in the West Forty-seventh poce station charged with having kil John Kingston in a fight at Forty ighth street and Eighth avenue.

Kingston's body was identified to-day in Roosevelt Hospital by his widow. who lives at No. 514 West Fiftleth

reputation, had been drinking and en-tered a saloon at the corner of Fortyeighth street and Eighth avenue. Kingston, who had also been drinking, was already in there. The two got into an argument and Kingston invited Mc-Laughlin to settle it with their outside. McLaughlin agreed and went out to the sidewalk.

Kingston landed a couple blows or McLaughlin and then the latter knocker his opponent down. Policeman Finnerty his opponent down. Policeman Finnerty arrived about that time and saw that Kingston was badly hurt. He was sent to the Rooseveit Hospital, where he died in a short time. It was found that his skull had been fractured when his head hit the curbstone.

MoLaughlin was turned over to the Coroner and ordered held pending an investigation.

SOCIETY'S MORNING MUSIC,

ine Musicale at Waldorf Brings Out Fashionable Audience

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here deny the report that the Princess Elizabeth of Windisch-Graetz, wife of

Prince Otto of Windisch-Graetz and granddaughter of the Emperor of Aus-

ria, shot and killed an actress recently

at Prague because she found the latter

n the apartments of the Prince. Notwithstanding this denial many per

enounced all claim to the Austrian

the Emperor of Austria, being the laughter of the unfortunate Crown

Prince Rudolph, who was found dead

with the Countess Vetsera in a hunting

lodge on the estate of the Crown Prince.

t was believed he shot her and the

The shooting, is said to have occurre

Prague. For some time it has been ru

ored that the Prince was one of the ac

nirers of an actress who has been the

avorite of the season at the Prague

Theatre. It was not believed that the

affair had gone so far that the Prince would take the woman into the palace.

Prince Otto is thirty years old. Be-

fore his marriage to the Archduches Elizabeth Marie of Austria he was

mple lieutenant in the First Regimen

of Uhlans. He and the Archduchess met

Magistrate Breen Issues a Warran

in Oliver Mystery

Magistrate Breen, in the Centre Stree

Court, issued a warrant this afternoon for a person against whom Assistant District-Attorney Krotel has been col-

ecting evidence in his inquiry into the

lecting evidence in his inquiry into the transfer of the property of Mrs. Mary J. Oliver, the Harlem hermit, to Miss Mary E. Alderdice.

Before he obtained the warrant Mr. Krotel said that he had secured additional testimony to-day, clinching the chain, of evidence he had gathered for the last week. Mr. Krotel said that the charge would probably be conspiracy, as forgery could not be proved.

A SURE TEST

Some folks drink conee and suffer

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to you in the way of health and

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ney and bladder trouble, palpitation

of the heart, stomach trouble, in-

the palace on the Prince's estate, in

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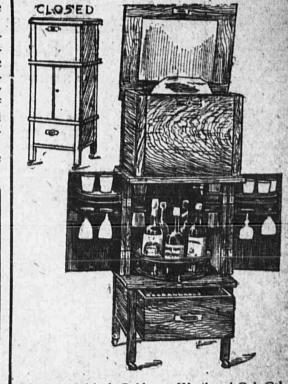
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